

HONORING SERLIN'S CAFÉ ON THE
OCCASION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVER-
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HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th anniversary of Serlin's Café, located in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Tucked along Payne Avenue on St. Paul's East Side, Serlin's Café is more than just a restaurant that serves incredible food. It is a neighborhood gathering place for many residents of St. Paul's East Side. Serlin's is a St. Paul landmark.

Serlin's Café first opened its doors for business on February 1, 1946—less than a year after the end of World War II. When Irv Serlin passed away in 1994, his legacy continued. His step sons, Al and Gary Halvorsen, along with their mother Doris Serlin-Johnson now own the restaurant. They continue the same great tradition of great food and outstanding service. The Halvorsens make meat loaf like how you remembered it whiling growing up, and the very best pies from scratch. The staff knows their customers by name. Serlin's unbeatable service and friendly atmosphere has made local residents—myself included—come back time and time again to Serlin's Café.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Serlin's Café for its 60 years of East Side hospitality. I commend the Halvorsens for continuing their great service and remaining committed to the residents of St. Paul.

HONORING JUSTICE SANDRA DAY
O'CONNOR

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, the legacy of Sandra Day O'Connor will last long after her distinguished service on the Supreme Court.

Not only does she have the distinction of being the first woman to serve on the court, but for more than twenty years she has helped to shape the legal landscape of this country with her thoughtful, carefully crafted decisions and her votes which have put her firmly in the center of American jurisprudence—exactly where the American people find themselves.

I have a special affection for Sandra Day O'Connor because we share so much in our background. We both grew up on a cattle ranch in southern Arizona. We both attended Stanford University. We both served in the Arizona Senate. When she served on the bench in Arizona and I served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the Senate, we both toiled through a two year process of reforming the criminal code in our state.

Wherever and however our paths have crossed, I always admired her achievements, her wit and her wisdom.

On a personal level, I have known Justice O'Connor and her husband for many years and have admired their wonderful relationship and their family. I know they look forward to

getting reconnected and I wish John and Sandra all the happiness possible in the remaining years they share together.

BELLEVUE COMPANY, PACCAR,
RECEIVED NATION'S HIGHEST
HONOR FOR INNOVATION AND
TECHNOLOGY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in praise of PACCAR, Inc., a Bellevue, Washington company that recently received the National Medal of Technology from the President of the United States. Today PACCAR celebrates the National Medal of Technology and last year PACCAR celebrated its 100th year. It's not often a company can top the kind of year that 2005 was for PACCAR, but somehow they've managed to, and in only two months.

I was proud to witness our President bestow the highest honor in technology and innovation upon PACCAR, "For [their] pioneering efforts and industry leadership in the development and commercialization of aerodynamic, lightweight trucks that have dramatically reduced fuel consumption and increased the productivity of U.S. freight transportation."

Washington's eighth Congressional District is home to many companies that are industry leaders, and I am so pleased to see one recognized at this level. PACCAR makes me proud, the State of Washington proud and the United States of America proud. As it has moved forward in its quest to increase productivity and reduce fuel consumption, PACCAR has embodied the spirit of innovation that has put America on the forefront of science and technology for most of the previous century.

Before the introduction of the Kenworth T600 model in 1985, the term "aerodynamic truck" would be considered an oxymoron. Today the legacy and influence of the T600 is apparent in the design of virtually every make of truck on the highway. The benefit to the truck buyer, the consumer, the economy, and the environment has been a dramatic reduction in fuel consumption, reduced CO₂ emissions, improved highway safety through reductions in splash and spray, and lower cost of delivery for the goods that help fuel our Nation's economy.

While much of the industry pondered the feasibility of ever breaking the 10-mile-per-gallon barrier with a heavy-duty truck, Kenworth and Peterbilt both achieved that goal with their most aerodynamic and fuel-efficient tractor-trailer combinations in real-world, cross-country tests. Achieving significant improvements in fuel economy was not without market risk and required changing what a heavy-duty "conventional" truck was supposed to look like. Initial misgivings about what some perceived as radical styling departures, were soon muted as customers realized the economic benefits of the new designs.

In the last 5 years alone, PACCAR has been widely praised. PACCAR was named one of the Top 50 Companies by Business Week magazine in 1999, 2000 and 2004 and Industry Week magazine named it one of the Top 50 Manufacturing Companies in the

U.S.A. in 2005. The Wall Street Journal listed it on its Shareholder Return Honor Roll in both 2003 and 2004. PACCAR was designated the #1 International Company by the Stevie Awards in 2003 and #1 in Enterprise Management by Computerworld in 2004.

I wish PACCAR well as they begin their next hundred years of innovation and invention. PACCAR is a company that knows what it takes to succeed, and also to make this world better. I am honored to stand here today commending their achievements, and I am eager to see what they do next. Congratulations to everyone on the PACCAR team. This medal is an acknowledgment of all that you have done and worked for and a belief that your best work is yet to come.

REMEMBERING CALVIN RICHIE OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia and me to remember Calvin L. "Boots" Richie, a farmer and activist deeply committed to agriculture and his fellow farmers in Fauquier County, Virginia, who passed away on February 26.

Selected by the Fauquier Times-Democrat as "Citizen of the Year" in 1994, Boots will be remembered for his countless accomplishments, including co-founding People Helping People of Fauquier County, Inc., a local charity offering immediate help to residents of Fauquier struggling against natural disaster, illness, or sudden financial hardship.

We insert for the RECORD a Fauquier Times-Democrat obituary from February 28. A Fauquier native, Boots will be deeply missed by the people of the county, and at home by his family.

[From the Fauquier Times-Democrat, Feb. 28, 2006]

"BOOTS" SUCCUMBS TO CANCER; SOUTHERN FAUQUIER FARMER WAS OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE FOR AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION

Calvin L. "Boots" Ritchie, of Bealeton, one of Fauquier County's leading citizens for the past two decades and an active force behind a home-grown charitable organization, died at home on Feb. 27 after a long and valiant fight against cancer. He was 78.

A native son of Fauquier, Mr. Ritchie was born June 17, 1927 at Inglewood Farm, where he died.

He earned his unique nickname as a child, when he did his chores around the farm "wearing an adult-sized pair of gumboots that reached to his hips," recalled his sister, Hazel Bell, in a 1994 interview. "He was about 5 or 6 years old, and the name stuck."

He spent his entire life working in agriculture, first on the family farm and later, while engaged in custom farming. In the mid-1970s, he founded the Fauquier Grain Company.

Mr. Ritchie came to the general public's attention in 1978, when he was involved in the American Agriculture Movement.

The AAM sought 100 percent parity for farm products, and made their point by staging a memorable "Tractorcade" demonstration that passed through Fauquier into Washington, D.C.

"Our main agricultural export is grain, which is priced lower now than it was five